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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 23-Feb-08 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	02/23/08	02/16/08
Broiler/fryer	165,428	168,971
Light hens	1,175	1,315
Heavy hens	1,539	1,562

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA ***DATA FOR THE WEEKENDING***

WEEK ENDING 09-Feb-08 (THOUSAND HEAD) LIGHT HENS HEAVY HENS TOTAL 0 310 Head 310 Head sltr Comparisons Last Week 326 4 330 Same week yr ago 231 0 231 To-date/2008 1,703 1,707 4 To-date/2007 14 1,196 1,210

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

Total U. S. fowl slaughter in the U. S. and Canada

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,630	1,568	3,198
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,783	1,528	3,311
Same week yr ago	1,352	1,435	2,787
To-date/2008	10,163	8,659	18,822
To-date/2007	7,684	8,162	15,846

LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION WEEK ENDING 16-Feb-08 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG	LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL
	CHICKENS	HENS	HENS	HENS
Head	163,748	1,315	1,576	2,891
Avg Wt	5.57	3.17	8.05	5.83
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	165,446	1,320	1,568	2,888
Same wk yr ago	158,852	1,105	1,327	2,432
Avg Wt	5.40	3.33	8.14	5.95
To-date/2008	1,127,978	9,775	10,231	20,006
To-date/2007	1,076,966	7,593	9,475	17,068

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based 167.0 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 165.7 million head, or 1.3 million less than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION, CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 16-Feb-08

	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	
	4.25 lbs	4.26 -	6.26 -	7.76 lbs	
	& down	6.25 lbs	7.75 lbs	& up	Total
Head	42,681	75,855	25,987	19,225	163,748
Avg Live Wgt	3.70	5.39	6.40	8.59	5.57
% of total /1	26%	46%	16%	12%	100%
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Last week	44,571	76,061	27,793	17,021	165,446
Avg Live Wgt	3.84	5.44	6.74	8.26	5.52
% of total /1	27%	46%	17%	10%	100%
Year Ago 2/	44,903	86,838	13,957	13,154	158,852
Avg Live Wat	3.85	5.44	6.89	8.90	5.40
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% of total /1	28%	55%	9%	8%	100%
To date/2008	303,810	538,949	168,271	116,949	1,127,979
To date/2007	288,769	577,137	131,733	79,327	1,076,966

- /1 May not total to 100% due to rounding.
- /2 Comparable week.

Weight Class Description:

- (A) This size product is normally marketed bone-in into fast food and food service sectors and may include Cornish hens.
- (B) This size product is normally marketed into the retail grocery sector in tray pack or bagged forms.
- (C) This size product is normally marketed either into the retail grocery sector in tray pack and IQF form or is further processed and marketed into various sectors.
- (D) This size product is normally marketed deboned or as roasters or roasting chicken.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 16-Feb-08 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B HENS) TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
Head	1,922	2,701	10	26	4,659
Avg Wt	16.39	39.33	24.13	26.50	29.76
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,991	2,901	27	16	4,935
Same wk yr ago	1,907	2,464	16	0	4,387
Avg Wt	16.65	38.18	26.36	0.00	28.78
To-date/2008	12,732	19,313	100	67	32,212
To-date/2007	12,321	17,289	94	23	29,727

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH. FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL (404) 562-5850.